[23rd November 1955

* 2783 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the constitution of Village and Firka Development Committees have been completed in Malabar; and

(*b*) The method for choosing members to these committees?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Village Development Committees have been formed in the Malabar district mainly by nomination of persons who are, in the Collector's opinion, representative of the various sections of the population, are aware of the needs and aspirations of the villagers and are willing to work for the common good. As regards the Committees for Planning areas, the non-official members constituting the Committees, other than the Presidents of Panchayat Boards, Members of the District Board elected from the area and Members of the State Legislature representing the area, represent agriculturists, special workers and other special interests. These persons are nominated by the Collector.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : When the general circular constituting the Committees issued by the Government and supplied to Members of the Legislature provided that the Committees should be constituted by election, may I know why in Malabar a different method was followed, that is the procedure of nomination of members to the Committees? May I also know whether it was done by the Collector in contravention of the instructions issued in the general circular of the Government or on the basis of a secret circular especially issued for that purpose?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It was done not only in Malabar but even in every district wherever the Collector was of the opinion that the holding of election will not be advisable or desirable. The Collector was given the discretion to constitute Committees by nomination. It was only under these powers that the Collectors have nominated in those areas and not only in Malabar.

Register of Medical Practitioners

* 2784 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the names of any medical practitioners were removed from Register of Medical Practitioners in May-June 1955; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

The following two names were removed by the Madras Medical Council from the Medical Register :—

(1) Dr. T. K. Mohan, M.B.B.S., 303, Thambu Chetti street, Madras, for one month from 2nd June 1955, for issuing a revaccination certificate to an infant who went to Malaya whereas he had performed only primary vaccination.